



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
2 NAVY ANNEX
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20370-5100

TRG
Docket No: 4614-99
6 December 2000

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF [REDACTED]

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. 1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, a former commissioned officer in the United States Naval Reserve filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting that her characterization of service be changed from under honorable conditions to honorable.

2. The Board, consisting of Mr. McPartlin, Mr. Pfeiffer and Mr. Leeman, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 28 November 2000 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken on the available evidence of record. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of the enclosures, and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

3. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice, finds as follows:

a. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy.

b. Although it appears that enclosure (1) was not filed in a timely manner, it is in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and review the application on its merits.

c. The Board was unable to obtain Petitioner's service record and conducted its review based on documentation she submitted.

d. Petitioner was commissioned on 4 June 1943 and reported for active duty on 20 July 1943. The documents she submitted show that she then served in an excellent manner for over two years. On 20 October 1945 she was married. It is unclear from the available records whether she began terminal leave on 30 November 1945 or was released from active duty on that date. She was discharged on 21 January 1946 with her service characterized as being under honorable conditions, and was issued a Certificate of Satisfactory Service.

e. The Board is aware that following World War II, officers were routinely released from active duty with their service characterized as being under honorable conditions and were issued Certificates of Satisfactory Service. This was not considered to be derogatory in any way.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants favorable action. The Board notes that Petitioner served in an excellent manner and was separated under honorable conditions in accordance with regulations then in effect. However, under current regulations she would receive an honorable discharge. Therefore, the Board concludes that no useful purpose is now served by this characterization of service and it should now be recharacterized to honorable.

RECOMMENDATION:

a. That Petitioner's naval record be corrected to show that on 21 January 1946 she was issued an honorable discharge vice the separation under honorable conditions on that date now of record.

b. That this Report of Proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

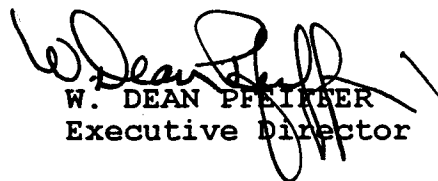
4. It is certified that a quorum was present at the Board's review and deliberations, and that the foregoing is a true and complete record of the Board's proceedings in the above entitled matter.

ROBERT D. ZSALMAN
Recorder



ALAN E. GOLDSMITH
Acting Recorder

5. Pursuant to the delegation of authority set out in Section 6(e) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(e)) and having assured compliance with its provisions, it is hereby announced that the foregoing corrective action, taken under the authority of reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.



W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director